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C O N F I D E N T I A L SINGAPORE 1546

E.MVO. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI., SN, VS

SUBJECT: GOS DISPOSITION VIETNAMESE C-130

REF: SINGAPORE 1474

1. LOCAL ATTORNEY ONLNSWEE KEF , AT SUGGESTION OF PERMSEC MFA BOGAARS, CALLED DCM TO DISCUSS RESETTLEMENT OF 56 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WHO ARRIVED IN SINGAPORE ON APRIL 3 ON COMMANDEERED VNAF C-130 AIRCRAFT. HE SAID HE WAS ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE REFUGEES THEMSELVES AND "PROJECT SHARE INC., " WHICH HE THOUGHT WAS AN AMERICAN CHARITABLE AGENCY WHICH HAD INTERESTED ITSELF IN THE RESETTLEMENT OF THESE REFUGEES. (WE HAVE NEVER HEARD OF SUCH AN ORGANIZATION.) ONG SAID ROBERT PECK OF PROJECT SHARE INC. WAS HAVING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DEPARTMENT ABOUT THE REFUGEES, AND HE ASKED WHETHER THE EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED ANY SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT

CONCERNING THEM. (HE INDICATED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD INSTRUCTIONS WERE ON THE WAY.) DCM INFORMED MR. ONG THAT THE EMBASSY HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION OR INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON EITHER CONCERNING DISCUSSIONS WITH PROJECT SHARE INC. OR THE RESETTLEMENT OF THE REFUGEES, THAT PROBLEM OF THESE REFUGEES WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GVN AND GOS, BUT THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT INTER-

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SIBILITY OF THE GVN AND GOS, BUT THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT INTER-

NATIONAL RESETTLEMENT AGENCIES COULD BE HELPFUL.

2. IT IS LIKELY THAT GOS HAS INSTRUCTED SINGAPORE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO CONTACT VOLUNTEER AGENCIES ABOUT THE 56 REFUGEES, AND THAT

PROJECT SHARE INC.'S INVOLVEMENT AND ONG'S INQUIRY WERE STIMULATED BY THE GOS. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF GOS ATTITUDE TOWARD RELEASING THE AIRCRAFT, OUR INTEREST IN NOT ENCOURAGING FURTHER DESERTIONS BY VNAF OFFICERS AND ILLEGAL DEPARTURES OF REFUGEES FROM VIETNAM, WE HOPE DEPARTMENT WILL GENTLY REFER PROJECT SHARE INC. AND MR. PECK TO THE UNHCR OR INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER AGENCIES AND INDICATE THAT THIS IS A MATTER WHICH SHOULD BE HANDLED BY THE GVN AND GOS DIRECTLY WITH THESE AGENCIES.

3. WE ASSUME THAT THE C-130 IN QUESTION WAS PROVIDED TO THE VNAF BY THE USG UNDER MAP. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT IN TRANSFERS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT UNDER MAP THE USG MAINTAINS OWNERSHIP OF THE EQUIPMENT AND CAN ASSERT THIS OWNERSHIP IN CASE OF MISUSE OR OTHER VIOLATIONS OF PRESCRIBED CONDITIONS OF THE GRANT. REQUEST EMBASSY SAIGON CONFIRM THESE ASSUMPTIONS.

4. SUBJECT TO DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE, I INTEND TO SEEK A MEETING WITH DEFENSE MINISTER GOH AND STRESS THAT THE USG REGARDS THE PROBLEMS OF THE PLANE AND THE RESETTLEMENT OF THE REFUGEES AS SEPARATE PROBLEMS, THAT THE USG IS THE LEGAL OWNER OF THE PLANE AND THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO HAVE THE PLANE FLOWN BACK TO VIETNAM.

5. WITH RESPECT TO THE REFUGEES, I WOULD STRESS TO DR. GOH THAT THE USG AND THE GVN DO NOT WISH TO ENCOURAGE THE ILLEGAL DEPARTURE OF OTHER VIETNAMESE, AND THAT WE BELIEVE THIS IS ESSENTIALLY A PROBLEM FOR THE GOS AND GVN TO SETTLE. HOWEVER, WE WOULD SUPPORT GOS EFFORTS TO GET THE APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL RELIEF AND RESETTLEMENT AGENCIES TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR RESETTLEMENT.

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